He Thinks Things Would Have Been Much

Reiter if the Commanding Officer of the Camp Rad Had Full Control-"I ben't Like Bureaucracy," He Exclaims. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Col. Denby and Gen. prestigating Commission remaining in Washagton, held a session this morning and exthe Army and Navy Christian Commission. Gen. Howard described the work of the commission at Chickamauga, Jacksonville, Tampa, ort Tampa, Mobile and Camp Alger, Va., and the conditions as he observed them at those he hospitals and camps at Camp Thomes,

places. He noticed a bad odor about some of Chickamauga, and went immediately to Gen. Brooke's headquarters, but did not see him. He saw the chief surgeon and suggested the use of lime, but was informed that over thirty barrels of lime had been distributed that morning. Gen. Howard was afraid that the offensive odors might eause an increase of sick-He saw a large number of men going to the canteen where beer was sold. In his opinion the canteen was injurious, particularly so when the mon also ate of improper food purchased from numerous venders. He doubted if physicians have yet discovered the cause of

typhoid fever.

Gen. Howard had little to say in the way of eritleism. Once he remarked on the use of female nurses and commended the idea. Ool. Denby asked if he thought they should be organized into a corps. "I don't like bureaueracy." he exclaimed.

Wilson was anxious to know what was meant by this remark. "I don't like the idea of putting everything on one man in Washington," he said. "Take the camp at Chickamauga. If the command-

ing officer had had entire control it would have This did not quite satisfy Gen. Wilson and he pressed the witness further. Gen. Brooke," he said, "had great difficulty

n obtaining answers to communications to Washington touching supplies." That was an important remark of yours, Gen. Howard, and I would like to know just what you meant by bureaucracy," said Gen. Wilson. "Was the camp at Chickamauga run

"Well."if I had my way I would not put the whole care and responsibility of the medical grangements in camp upon the Surgeon-General in Washington. I would give surgeons the commanding officer of the camp and let him have charge of everything."

"Did you have the impression that Gen. Brooke had not absolute command of his

"I did not have his camp in mind particu-"You suggested that somebody suffered from

bureaueracy?" "I think they did. Take my old department the Ordnance Department. A requisition is

Think they did. Take my old department, the Ordance Department, A requisition is made on that department from a camp and sent to Washington, for instance. It requires examination and it takes a long time to get the supplies, but if you have a depot at the camp and an ordnance officer on hand the supplies could be secured right there without requisition to Washington. There was great difficulty in getting ordnance. I thought the Ordnance Department was being run more from Washington than it should."

(ien. Wilson said that he agreed with Gen. He ward that there should be depots in the camps where the commanding officer could secure what was needed.

Speaking of the conduct of the war, Gen. Howard said: "As a general rule I think the work of the department was marvellous. It was a very great work. It there had been time to make all preparations, get smokeless powder and such things, of course, it would have been better. The regular army was small, and I think the work was incredible. I think we have learned something. If I had to do it over again I would not send the men to Tampa. New Orleans or such places to fit them to go to a more malarious country.

"Where would you have kept them?" inquired Col. Denby.

"Well, in the vicinity of New York."

"Would you have kept them in their State camps?"

No. Sir."

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"You would not send them South?"
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"You would not send them arines who were at orismouth. N. H. They went to Guanta-am- and were in perfect health, Most people sy to get the men acclimated.
"That is what the War Department thought," iterpolated Col. Depty.
"I don't\_agree with that idea," said Gen. oward. Howard.

He believed the retired army officers could have been of service in the war had the law permitted their being assigned to duty. In his opinion the President should have discretionry power to assign them to duty. He had tried to get an assignment, but the law promitted. It might be better not to put them in competition with the younger officers are the regular army.

them in competition with the younger officers of the regular army.

Gen. Wilson—But don't you think there were numireds of positions that active retired men its yourself could have filled without interlering with the younger officers?

"les, sir," replied Gen. Howard.

Gen. Howard also believed in compelling volunteer officers to pass satisfactor examinations before being accepted. As to the men, greater pains should be taken to secure men of actter physical qualifications. The Governes could nominate the officers just the same, but their nomination would be subject to the result of an examination.

Another good thing, he said, "would be the establishment of a staff school for the training of officers for staff duty. The lives of in-usands of men might devolve upon's staff officer, At Chickamaugathe blunder of one cluer caused the troops to move in the wrong way and left a position open where Longstreet went right through. This is true of all the departments. Take the Adjutant-General's flee, Take a young man going to West Point falling to pass and permitted to resign. He secures as signment as an Assistant Adjutant-General, I would not like to put a man like that in such a position."

Gen. Howard concluded with a reference to the trip of the Segurance from Santiago, saying that he found men who complained of not getting enough to eat, but on the trip food was linally provided, and when the vessel arrived at New York the soldiers thought more of the Government than they did when they started.

NATIONAL GUARD ORDER.

The Separate Companies of the Fourth Brigade Organized Into Battalions.

Albany, Dec. 23 .- Adjt.-Gen. Tillinghast today issued an order authorizing the commanding officer of the Fourth Brigade to organize the separate companies of his command into

The Thirteenth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-ninth, Porty-second and Forty-third Separate Com-Porty-second and Forty-third Separate Companies will constitute the First Battailon. The First, Eighth. Thirty-fourth and Thirty-seventh Separate Companies will constitute the Second. Thirteenth, Forty-lirat and Forty-ninth Separate Companies will constitute the Third Battailon. Cants M. B. Butler, Forty-second Separate Company, will constitute the Third Battailon. Cants M. B. Butler, Forty-second Separate Company, and A. M. Hall, Forty-eighth Separate Company, are appointed Majors of the First, Second and Third Battailons, with headquarters at Niagara Falls, Geneva and Gawego respectively. The First Regiment, organized for the volunteer service, is diabanded, and the officers commissioned in it rendered supernumerary. supernumerary.

RELIEF FOR STARFING CUBANS.

Resolution of Thanks Adopted by the City Council of Havana.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- The following cableday in reply to the President's order for the prompt distribution of supplies from the Quar-fernaster's, Commissary, and Medical Depart-ments of the army to the starving people of Havana and Guines:

The City Council, in solemn session, has re-ye in the name of the people of Havana to turn its warmest thanks to you for the con-butions sent in aid of the needy poor. "Manquis Estabox, President."

Itenth of Two Soldiers in Porto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Major-tien. Henry to the War Department from San dan to day that two deaths had occurred yesrday among the troops in Porto Rico, The claim, were Privates George Ungering, Nine-can thronty, dysentery, and William Ford, 6th Cavalry, smallpox.

Sixth Ohio to Leave for Cuba. REGISTRALE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The Sixth Ohio Regiment, in camp here for four months, re-Called a ricrathis morning to leave to-morrow by way of Charleston for Clenfuegos, Cubs. Called Makan has 1,170 well-equipped men ready for service.

Disagreement Between Capt. Ludlow and

Naval Constructor Bowles appeared before the board of inquiry at the navy yard in Brooklyn yesterday and made a statement regarding the injuries to the battleship Massa-chusetts. He said the keel had been scraped for 240 feet.

Pilot Weaver, who was on the Massachusetts at the time of the accident, testified on Wednesday that the tide was too low when the Massachusetts was ready to sail, and that he had so notified Capt. Ludlow, the commander of the

Capt. Ludlow was recalled yesterday and tes-tified that his original orders were to sail at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but that, relying upon the advice of Pilot Weaver and Pilot Bell of the navy yard, he made the start at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. He said that Pilot Bell was a capable and competent pilot. Capt. Ludlow contradicted Pilot Weaver's restimony regarding the latter's statement that he had said the tide was too low. He said the chart showed there was thirty-six feet of water at the spot where the accident occurred. He was positive the vessel struck some obstacle at the bottom of the river which was not marked on the charts. This finished the examination and the board of inquiry then made up the report, which was sent to Washington last night.

Naval Constructor Bowles says that the Massachusetts will probably remain in dry dock for sixty days. A large gang of men was at work making the repairs yesterday and the damaged plates were being cut out. The men will be employed on the vessel until 8 o'clock at night.

OLINDE RODRIGUEZ NOT A PRIZE

tured by the New Orleans CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—The French steamship Olinde Rodrigues, which was captured as a blockade runner off San Juan on July 17 by the United States cruiser New Orleans, was ordered released by Judge Brawley in the District Court here to-day. In his opinion, handed down, Judge Brawley holds that the port of San Juan was not effectively blockaded,

port of San Juan was not effectively blockaded, and on that, ground the ship could not be held. There is talk of an appeal on the part of the Government.

The Rodriguez is owned by the French Transatiantic line, and sailed from Havre early in July. The evidence at the time pointed strongly to the fact that the vessel was on a blockading mission, and the officers of the New Orleans testified that they had reason to believe that their ideas about the mission of the ship were correct. The capture of the Rodrigues came near causing an international proceeding. Immediately after the capture the French Government brought strong influences to bear at Washington to have the steamer released, but the case was allowed to go through the regular channels. The vessel was sent to New York two months ago, where the cargo was released, and to-night the United States Marshal, as the custodian was informed and instructed as to her release.

The Court makes it appear that the New Orleans captured the Frenchman with an eye to the spoils that would follow rather than to the question of a blockade runner.

ARMY ORDERS.

Officers Honorably Discharged from the Volunteer Service. Washington, Dec. 23,-These army orders

have been issued: First Lieut, William Brooks, Fourth Infantry, it rdered to Huntaville as aide-de-camp to Major-Gen.

H. W. Lawton. These officers have been honorably discharged from the volunteer service: F. A. Smith, commissary, Captain Twelfth Infantry; Major J. G. Ballance, Inspector-General, Captain Twenty-second Infantry; Major A. C. Sharpe, Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain Twenty-second Infantry; Capt. G. B. Duncan, Assistant Adjutant-General, First Lieutenaut Fourth Infantry; Capt. J. W. Murphy, First Lidaho Infantry; Second Lieut. W. T. Teitz, Sixth Ohio Infantry; First Lieut. G. G. Whitehead, Fifth

Ohio Infautry: First Lieut. G. G. Whitehead, Fifth Volunteer Infantry, and Capt. W. H. Cobb. Third Volunteer Infantry.
First Lieut. E. B. Winans, Jr., Fourth Cavalry, is assigned to mustering out duty in Michigan.
First Lieut. B. P. Strong, Assistant Surgeon, is transferred from the Socoud Artillery to the Twenty-second Infantry, to accompany that regiment to Manila.
First Lieut. C. M. Duffy, Volunteer Signal Corps, will go from Bavannah to Havana for duty.
First Lieut. P. E. Traub, First Cavalry, will proceed to San Juan, Porto Hico, for duty as Aide-de-Campon Major-Gen, Henry's taff.
Acting Assistant Surgeons Molyneaus, Turner and E. E. Parsons will be assigned to duty with the Second Corps at Augusta, Gs.
Acting Assistant Surgeon T. Y. Aby will proceed from Savannah to New Orleans for annulment of his contract.
First Lieut. J. D. Barrette Savanth Artillary, is any

from S. vannah to New Orleans for annulment of his contract.

First Lieut. J. D. Barrette, Seventh Artillery, is appointed special inspector to hispect stores as augusta, Me., and Comeord, N. H.

Lieut. Col. W. D. Wolvetton. Deputy Surgeon-General U.S. A., has been placed on the retired lisk. Heig.-Gen. H. H. Hull, colone! Fourth Intantry, is relieved from the command of the First Brigade, First Division, Fourth Corps, and will join his regiment.

Brig.-Gen. J. N. Andrews, Colone! Twelfth Indantry, is relieved from the command of the Third Brigade, Second Division, First Corps, and will join his regiment.

First Lieut. J. T. Haines, Fifth Cavalry, will assume charge of the general recruiting station at Kansas City.

First Lieut. John Conklin, Jr., is detailed as Collector of Customs at Trindad, Cuba.

First Lieut. John Conklin, Jr., is relieved. lector of Customs at Thirdad, Cuba.

First Lieut, J. P. Hains, Third Artillery, is relieved from duty as assistant mustering officer for Massachusetts and will join his battery.

Major W. C. Gorgas, Surgeon, U. S. A., is transferred from Sauttago to establish and take charge of the general hospital in Havana.

First Lieut, H. C. Williams, Fifteenth Infantry, is assigned to duty as assistant recruiting officer at Cincinnat. Cincinnati.

Fost Chaplain E. H. Fitzgerald, U. S. A., will accompany the Twenty-second Regiment to Manila.

First Lieut. J. F. Wood, Volunteer Signal Corps, will proceed to Pinar del Bio, Cubs, for duty.

NO GRABBING OF FRANCHISES.

Order Sent to Commanding Officers in Caba, Porto Rico and Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The following order has been seen sent by the War Department to commanding officers in Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines:

"Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concession of public or corporate rights or franchises for the construction of public or quasipublic works, such as railroads, tramways, public works, such as railroads, tramwars, telegraph or telephone lines, water works, gas works, electric light lines, &c., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, except upon the approval of the Major-General commanding the military forces of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, he so especially authorized by the Secretary of War."

Naval Orders.

Washington, Dec. 23.-These naval orders have been issued:

Assistant Surgeon A. G. Grunwell, from the New Orleans to the Yesemite; Assistant Surgeon W. H. Bell, from temporary duty at the naval proving ground to the navy yard, Washington; Lieut, W. W. Gilmer, from the Vulcan to home: Paymaster L. C. Kerr, relieved of accounts of the Vulcan; Com-mander W. I. Moore, from the command of the Leonidas when put out of commission and to command the Abarenda; Ensign L. R. De Steigner, from duty on the Vulcan and to resume duties on the Montgomery; Licut. E. B. Underwood, from the Terror to the Essex as executive officer; Passed Assistant Eugineer H. S. Pugsley, from the Leonidas to home; Assistant Surgeon J. S. Taylor, from the Leonidas to home; Passed Assistant Engineer W. C. Bennett, from the Pompey to home; Chief Engineer G. C. Sima, from the Vulcan to home; Ensign G. L. Holsinger, Ensign J. C. Summers and Lieut. L. P. Smith, from the Vulcan to home; Lieut. H. L. Thompson, from the Vulcan to home; Lieut. H. L. Thompson, from the Marcellus to home; Lieutenant-Commander I. Harris, from the command of the Vulcan to home; Assistant Paymacker W. A. Collier, Ensign H. S. Myddleton and Lieut. C. S. Thurston from the Pompey to home; Assistant Paymacker K. P. Esting and Ensign R. G. McConnell, from the Leonidas to home; Lieutenant-Commander M. B. Buford and Lieut. S. L. Jenkins, from the Abarenda to home; Lieut. H. E. Betts, from the Marcellus to home. H. S. Pugsley, from the Leonidas to home; Assistant

Muster Out of Troops Delayed.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The promulgation of the order for the muster out of 50,000 troops has been postponed, pending action by Congress on the Hull resolution providing for the pay-ment of sixty days' pay to troops abroad and thirty days' pay to troops abroad and thirty days' pay to troops in the United States who will be included in the order. No selec-tions have been made of troops to be mustered out except the 27,000 regulars enlisted for the war and the first-call reguments now serving in the Philippines.

Gen. Sheridan Takes a Department Com-

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Gen. Michael V. Sheridan, recently appointed commander of the Department of the Lakes, to-day reported at Army Headquarters in the Pullman building to enter upon his duties. Four and a half months in Porto Rico had a beneficial effect on the Gen-eral, and, aithough he weighs thirty pounds less than he did before the war came, he says he never felt better.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FORGETFUL.

They Leave Lots of Their Parcels in the

The depot agents who receive articles that are left in trolley and elevated cars in Brook-lyn have had their hands full the last three days. In that time there has been hardly a trip that the conductors haven't turned in trip that the conductors haven't turned in something. "Many parcels are pleked up by unscrupulous riders," said one of the agents, "but in most cases passengers get back their property by calling for if. The worked on roads in Manhattan, but Brooklynites are much worse than New Yorkers for forgetting parcels. We have gathered in more bundles and small packages on our road in the last three days than I handled in a year in New York. If this thing lasts much longer we'll have to hire a storehouse."

Sixth Cavalry Ordered to Fort Biley. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Orders were issued by the War Department to-day for the movement of the Sixth Cavalry from Huntsville, Ala., to Fort Riley, Kan. This regiment will relieve the First Cavairy, which was ordered to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian agencies. The sixth will be distributed at the forts ad-jacent to Indian reservations. These regi-ments will be held for service in the event of Indian outbreaks.

Torpedoes for Use at Portsmouth, N. H. EXETER, N. H., Dec. 23.-Twenty-five torpedo cases have arrived at Fort Constitution, New

CHRISTMAS PARDONS IN JERSEY. Fourteen Inmates of the State Prison to Be

Released on Pardon or Parole. TEENTON, N. J., Dec. 23 .- The Court of Pardons to-day arranged Christmas presents for fourteen inmates of the State prison, who will be released in time to join their families by tomorrownight. Two of the twelve were pardoned. They are William T. Webber of Hudson, sentenced for bigamy, and Frederick Schagel of Cumberland for Illegally selling liquor. Paroles were granted to the following: William Osmun, sentenced from Warren county, in 1891, to fifteen years for rape; James Solomon, Hudson county, February, 1897, two omon, Hudson county, February, 1887, two years for policy gambling: Stephen J. Saur. Essex county, 1834, ten years for atrocious assault and battery; Anthony Van Orden. Passalo county, 1835, ten years for assault; John Ward, alias James Barrett, Hudson county, 1845, ten years for assault; Thomas Thomas, alias Drum, Monmouth county, 1834, sixteen years for burglary, and Joshua W. Wible, Salem county, 1838, three years for rape. Fines were remitted in the cases of Bernard White, John Roach and John Towner of Hudson county; William Eibebbs and Lambert M. Clark of Monmouth county.

Hilda Petersen Goes to Matteawan.

Hilda Petersen, who was acquitted recently by a jury in the Supreme Court at Long Island City of the murder of her 3-year-old child at Rockville Centre. L. I., in March last, was cases have arrived at Fort Constitution, New Castle. They were ordered by the War Department for Portsmouth harbor during the resent war, but the demand for them at other places delayed their arrival. There are now 125 torpedoes and mines at New Castle for use in case of emergency.

POST OFFICE BURGLARS FOILED. They Were Ready to Blow Open the Safe

When Frightened Away. PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., Dec. 23.-Postmaster Charles F. Lewis, who had been attending a reception at Mineola, arrived here about 2 o'clock this morning. The Post Office is in his store, and he thought he would look in and see if everything was all right. He made out the If everything was all right. He made out the forms of three men moving about the safe. Mr. Lewis tried to unlock the front door of the Post Office and found that it had been fastened on the inside. His efforts to break down the door frightened the three burglars and they escaped through a rear door. The Postmaster chased them, but they were too fleet for him. He returned to the Post Office and aroused some of the neighbors. They found that several holes had been drilled around the handle of the combination lock, dynamite inserted and a fuse put in. Pieces of dynamite and burglars' tools were found on the Post Office floor.

Two Men Tired of Living.

Frank Haskins, 35 years old, a machinist, of 96 Chestnut street, Providence, R. I., was run over by a Third avenue cable car at Ninth street last night and his leg was badly cut. While in an ambulance on his way to Bellevue While in an ambulance on his way to Bellevue Hospital he told the surgeon that he had tried to kill himself, as he was despondent because out of work. He was not arrested, as the surgeon made no complaint to the police.

Richard Fallou, a barkeeper, of 600 Second avenue, attempted suicide yesterday by jumping from the Greenpoint ferryboat East Side just after it left the slip at the foot of East Thirty-fourth street. Two deekhands fished him out with boathooks, and he was taken, a prisoner, to the Bellevue Hospital prison ward. He had been drinking, and was despondent because without work.

The unsettled condition of rain and for was carried off yesterday by the low pressure area which moved out of the St. Lawrence Valley. Clearing weather set in over the Middle Atlantic States in the early morning, but it was cloudy and forgy over New England and snow was falling most of the day all around the lake regions. Fair weather prevailed south and west of the lakes. It was warmer in the Middle Atlantic and New England States and colder in all other districts.

The temperature was below freezing point gen, erally west of the Mississippi and north of Texas. There is not likely to be any extreme cold in this neighborhood, but it will probably be cool and fair over Christmas. In this city the day was fair; highest tempera-

an time city the day was fair, nighest tempera-ture 48°, lowest 36°; average humidity 70 per cent; wind westerly, average velocity twelve miles an hour; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8.A. M. 29.78, 3 P. M. 20,00. The temperature as recorded by the official ther nometer and also by THE BUS's thermometer at the

street level is shown in the annexed table: 

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR SATURDAY. For New England and eastern New York, generally fair; much colder; brisk to high wester'y wind For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania. New Jersey. Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, fair

For western Pennsylvania, western New York and Ohio, fair till Bunday; decidedly colder; westerly

till Sunday night; colder; fresh northwesterl;

THORNTON'S NOVEL SUIT. Would Force Landis Township to Pay Fance

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.-Benjamin C. Thornton of Landis Township. Cumberland county. instituted to-day a novel suit in the Supreme

instituted to-day a novel suit in the Supreme Court. He asks for a writ of mandamus to comed the officials of Landis Township to make an assessment for \$450 on the owners of dogs in the township, and that the amount when collected be paid to him. Some time ago an unknown dog entered Thornton's yard at night and killed twenty-four game and fancy fowl which he valued at \$450. When Thornton found that his fowl had been killed the called in two Freeholders, who signed an affidavit of what they saw. Thornton presented his bill to the Township Committee. The committee offered to pay at the rate of 8 cents a pound for the fowl. Thornton treated the offer with contempt and then started suit.

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